

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Of the original claims (1-16) filed in this application, claims 1-13, 15 and 16 remain, claim 14 having been previously cancelled. New claims 17 and 18 were previously added. Claims 13, 15 and 16 are allowed, while claims 1-12, 17 and 18 currently are rejected.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 13, 15 and 16 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 2-5, 8-11, 14, 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to recite the novel features of claim 13 and as described in the specification whereby the cap 30 provides fingers capable of closing on sleeve 14 while being unable to close on sleeves of a lesser size. This provides the novel capability of enabling the invention to be selectively used with a custom larger sleeve while generally available commercial sleeves are unable to operate with the invention and thereby assuring that such inferior fibers with smaller sleeves are not used with the invention. The prior art included in this application does not teach this enablement so that independent claims 1 and 7 are in condition for allowance and claims 6 and 12 are as well for at least the same reasons as for claims 1 and 7.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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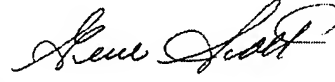
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